Implementation of NHDP

268. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state:

the progress up-to-date in implementing the National Highway Development Project;

whether the finance lor implementing this project has been tied up;

if so, what are the details thereof;

whether Government are satisfied with the implementation capabilities of the National Highways Authority of India: and

if not. what measures are contemplated to strcngthen NHAI?

THE MINISTER *OF* STATE IN THE MINISTRY *OV* SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Out of the total length of 13250 km of National Highway Development Project (NHDP). consisting of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) and North South & East-West Corridors, *9* length of 588 km on GQ and 630 km on North-South & East-West Corridors have been completed.

(b) and (c) The project will be finance from cess funds, market borrowings, external assistance and private financing.

(d) and (e) National Highways Authority of India have the implementation capabilities and whenever considered necessary as a result of monitoring and review are being further empowered to undertake the task of NHDP.

Loam for NHDP

269. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government to raise Rs. 12000 crore *via* Bonds to Finance NHDP" published in the Hindustan 'times dated the 25th May. 2000;

whether these will be tax free roads:

if so, whether the Investment is also rebateable under Section 88L;

the agencies which have volunteered to extend loans and the amount expected from them;